



Develop Football Challenge 2010 - national games developers 5-a-side championships

Cup Champions: Testology

Cup Runners-Up: Rapiresource

Top Scorer: Ronnie Adjekwei (Testology)

Player of the Tournament: Nana Penemo (Testology)

Plate Champions: Jagex Games Studio

Plate Runners-Up: X2 Football

Friday 8th October saw the inaugural UK games developers 5-a-side championships, the Develop Football Challenge, take place in surprisingly sunny north London. The event brought together thirteen teams from across the industry all determined to uphold their firm's honour of the football pitches! The Competition was made up of three groups, two of four teams and one of five – finishing in the top two places in the group would guarantee Cup knock-out football, while those outside those top positions would play in a Plate knock-out.

The day's events would show Group A to be something of a group of death – this group yielded both Cup finalists and the eventual Plate champions! **Testology** dominated the groups stage though, maintaining a 100% record and scoring 27 goals along the way. This left the remaining four teams in the group scrapping for the second spot and qualification into the Cup knockout stages. Both **Rapiresource** and **Jagex Games Studio** ended up with 6 points, although it took a 7-0 for Rapiresource in the very final group game to edge ahead of Jagex on goal difference. **Big Match Bucks**, the team representing events sponsors Supermassive Games, and **The Creative Assembly** were left to curse their luck in having been drawn in this tough group and headed into the Plate knockout.

Group B was also dominated by a team with a 100% record – **Crytek UK** finished with an impressive 18 points and a GD of +30. So once again it was left to the other three teams to battle for that second spot and it was **Testronic** who just edged out **Black Rock** on GD. **Sports Interactive** found the group stage tough going and went into the Plate competition in the afternoon session.

In Group C we saw another team dominate – **Sumo Digital** went unbeaten throughout, only dropping points in two draws in their first two games of the day. Second spot went to **Bright Light** despite a spirited challenge from **X2 Football** – it was only the final game between the two (a 2-1 win for Bright Light) that enabled Bright Light to overhaul X2. The lads from **Develop United** shipped quite a few goals in their group games and were unable to get any points on the board – you don't get any favours just for it being your tournament!

After a well-earned break and some lunch the knock-out stages commenced with Plate quarters. Here Big Match Bucks demolished the hopes of Develop Utd with a 10-0 win, X2 Football saw off Sports Interactive in a 5-1- win, and Black Rock progressed with a 3-1 win over The Creative Assembly. Jagex had been awarded a bye to the semis on the strength of their group performance and they proved too strong for Black Rock, winning 3-1. The other semi-final had X2 Football come through 2-0 winners over Big Match Bucks. The final was then a very tight affair – Jagex established a 2-0 but were pegged back to 2-1 by X2. This was how it remained despite a last kick scare for Jagex – they were then crowned Develop Football Challenge Plate Champions for 2010.

The Cup competition started with two teams being awarded byes to the semis (Testology and Crytek) and quarter-finals between the other qualifiers. Bright Light took on Rapiresource and the game ended 3-3, bringing penalties. Rapiresource held their nerve the better of the two and were 3-2 winners there. Testronic triumphed 3-1 over Sumo Digital in the other quarter to set up a semi against Testology, who won that semi 3-0. The other half of the draw saw Rapiresource inflict Crytek's first defeat of the day in their semi, and set-up a final against Testology. The final saw Testology establish an early 2 goal lead only to be pegged back to 2-2 by a determined Rapiresource team. It was at that point though that Testology found another couple of gears and they raced on to a 6-2 win and the title of Develop Football Challenge Champions for 2010. Excellent performance!

This just left the individual awards to be settled – the Player of the Tournament decision was very tight but the award went to Nana Penemo, the captain of Testology for marshalling his troops so well on the pitch as well as turning some fine performances at the back. Testology also gave us the Top Scorer Ronnie Adjekwei. Very well done to both.

As organisers of the evening Top Corner would like to thank everyone for the great spirit that the games were played in and we do hope that you and your team enjoyed the day. We hope to see you back again next year for the Develop Football Challenge in 2011.



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Group stage results

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Testology	4	4	0	0	27	10	17	12
Rapidsource	4	2	0	2	15	10	5	6
Jagex Games Studio	4	2	0	2	12	12	0	6
Big Match Bucks	4	1	0	3	12	22	-10	3
The Creative Assembly	4	1	0	3	10	22	-12	3

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Crytek UK	6	6	0	0	36	6	30	18
Testronic United	6	3	0	3	18	16	2	9
Black Rock	6	3	0	3	15	21	-6	9
Sports Interactive	6	0	0	6	6	32	-26	0

Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Sumo Digital	6	4	2	0	29	10	19	14
Bright Light	6	3	2	1	12	7	5	11
X2 Football	6	2	2	2	18	5	13	8
Develop United	6	0	0	6	5	42	-37	0

Big Match Bucks	3	-	4	The Creative Assembly
Jagex Games Studio	1	-	4	Testology
Big Match Bucks	1	-	5	Rapidsource
The Creative Assembly	1	-	6	Jagex Games Studio
Testology	6	-	1	Rapidsource
Big Match Bucks	5	-	2	Jagex Games Studio
The Creative Assembly	5	-	6	Testology
Rapidsource	2	-	3	Jagex Games Studio
Big Match Bucks	3	-	11	Testology
Rapidsource	7	-	0	The Creative Assembly

Black Rock	1	-	7	Crytek UK
Testronic United	7	-	0	Sports Interactive
Black Rock	5	-	3	Sports Interactive
Crytek UK	5	-	1	Testronic United
Crytek UK	9	-	1	Sports Interactive
Black Rock	1	-	5	Testronic United
Testronic United	2	-	1	Sports Interactive
Black Rock	2	-	3	Crytek UK
Black Rock	3	-	1	Sports Interactive
Crytek UK	6	-	1	Testronic United
Black Rock	3	-	2	Testronic United
Crytek UK	6	-	0	Sports Interactive

Bright Light	3	-	1	Develop United
X2 Football	1	-	1	Sumo Digital
Bright Light	2	-	2	Sumo Digital
Develop United	0	-	9	X2 Football
Develop United	1	-	10	Sumo Digital
Bright Light	0	-	0	X2 Football
X2 Football	1	-	2	Sumo Digital
Bright Light	3	-	0	Develop United
Bright Light	2	-	3	Sumo Digital
Develop United	0	-	6	X2 Football
Bright Light	2	-	1	X2 Football
Develop United	3	-	11	Sumo Digital



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Knockout stage results

Cup Quarter Finals

Bright Light	3
Rapidsource	3

Rapidsource win 3-2 pens

Sumo Digital	1
Testronic United	3

Cup Semi Finals

Rapidsource	1
Crytek UK	0

Testronic United	0
Testology	3

Cup Final

Rapidsource	2
Testology	6

Plate Quarter Finals

Develop United	0
Big Match Bucks	10

X2 Football	5
Sports Interactive	1

Black Rock	3
The Creative Assembly	1

Plate Semi Finals

Big Match Bucks	0
X2 Football	2

Black Rock	1
Jagex Games Studio	3

Plate Final

X2 Football	1
Jagex Games Studio	2

